

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the continued attention to the application. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, 14, 17-20, 23-25, 28-31, 35 and 36 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 13, 24 and 36 are independent claims.

The Examiner has divided the claims into two inventions:

- I. claims 1-5, 7-11 and 36; and
- II. claims 13, 14, 17-20, 23-25, 28-31 and 35.

Under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Examiner has required restriction of the claims to one of the inventions.

The Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims directed to the Group I invention for prosecution on the merits, namely, claims 1-5, 7-11 and 36.

Also, the Applicants have amended independent claims 13 and 24 of Group II to depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively. Therefore, amended claims 13 and 24 and their dependent claims 14, 17-20, 23, 25, 28-31 and 35 now directly or indirectly depend on claims 1 or 7 of Group I. Accordingly, it is believed that these claims also correspond to Group 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, 14, 17-20, 23-25, 28-31, 35 and 36 currently on file be examined in this application.

Early favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks, and having dealt with all of the objections raised by the Examiner, reconsideration and allowance of the current application is courteously requested.

Should there be any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (770) 709-0013.

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